Statutory Authority to Imposed Civil Liabilities

Public Resources Code § 42474.

- (a) Civil liability in an amount of up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per offense may be administratively imposed by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for each sale of a covered electronic device for which a covered electronic waste recycling fee has not been paid pursuant to Section 42464.
- (b) A civil penalty in an amount of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per offense may be imposed by a superior court for each sale of a covered electronic device for which a covered electronic waste recycling fee has not been paid pursuant to Section 42464.
- (c) Civil liability in an amount of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) may be administratively imposed by the board against manufacturers for failure to comply with this chapter, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (a).
- (d) Civil liability in an amount of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per violation may be administratively imposed by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery against a person, including an authorized collector or covered electronic waste recycler, that makes a false statement or representation in any document filed, submitted, maintained, or used for purposes of compliance with this chapter and associated regulations.
- (e)(1) The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery may revoke the approval or deny the renewal application of an authorized collector or covered electronic waste recycler that makes a false statement or representation in a document filed, submitted, maintained, or used for purposes of compliance with this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.
- (2) In addition to the authority specified in paragraph (1), the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery may deny an application for approval or renewal from an authorized collector or covered electronic waste recycler that, or an individual identified in the application who, has a history demonstrating a pattern of operation in conflict with the requirements of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.
- (3)(A) A person challenging a revocation, denial of application renewal, or application denial under this chapter, or an approved covered electronic waste recycler challenging the denial or adjustment of an electronic waste recovery payment or electronic waste recycling payment, shall first exhaust all administrative remedies by filing with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery a timely administrative appeal, in accordance with the regulations adopted to implement this chapter.
- (B) The hearing shall be held before the Director of Resources Recycling and Recovery or his or her designee, who shall issue a written decision stating the factual and legal basis for this decision.